

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming January 18- 20th, 2014 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Weekend in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Dr. King devoted his life to serving others, reminding us that "human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable.
- b. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality, sowing seeds of hope for a day when all people might claim "the riches of freedom and the security of justice."
- c. We commemorate the 27th anniversary of the holiday recognizing one of America's greatest visionary leaders, and we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King by engaging in services to our community.
- d. Despite Dr. King's efforts, and the ongoing work of visionary leaders across the country, communities of color continue to face inequities across a variety of measures of health, opportunity and well-being. The Multnomah County Board's commitment to social justice and promoting equity in the community is demonstrated in our mission statement and our commitment to the Equity Lens, the Health Equity Initiative and many culturally specific programs throughout our organization. We acknowledge that there is more work to do and commit to working together in a spirit of mutual recognition and respect with the Coalition of Communities of Color and other culturally specific organizations.
- e. We all benefit from ending racism. We urge all residents and organizations in Multnomah County to join us in our racial justice efforts beginning with simply naming racism where it exists interpersonally, institutionally and systemically.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 18th-21st as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Weekend in Multnomah County. The Board encourages the citizens and employees of Multnomah to volunteer their time in honor of Dr. King's life and lasting legacy with civic and service programs of their choice.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2014

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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